

ALICE WHITE'S DEATH.

The Courts Investigating the Case.

Who is Responsible for Her Unhappy Death?

Dr. Helm's Investigation—No Conclusion Has as Yet Been Reached.

The preliminary examination of Dr. Scott Helm, began yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, before Justice Huseon in the District Court room. Attorney J. B. Earley appeared as assistant prosecution with District Attorney Cox.

JUDGE CAMPBELL of counsel for the defense moved for a change of venue and read the following affidavit in support of his motion:—

In the District Court of Phoenix precinct, county of Maricopa, Territory of Arizona.

Territory of Arizona vs. Scott Helm, Scott Helm being duly sworn, says that he is the defendant in the above entitled action; that he has been arrested upon a charge of committing an abortion upon one Alice White from the results of which said abortion died.

Affiant charges that he was arrested upon a warrant issued out of the Justice's Court of Phoenix Precinct, Maricopa county, of which said court, W. O. Huseon is Justice and the said Huseon proposes to hold the preliminary examination of said defendant upon said charge. That affiant believes he cannot have a fair and impartial examination before said justice, by reason of his bias and prejudice against affiant.

That affiant is informed and believes that on several occasions since the 19th day of July, 1891, said justice has expressed his opinion that affiant was guilty of the offense charged, and affiant is informed and believes that said justice on the 26th day of July, 1891, openly stated that he proposed to hold affiant to answer upon said charge, and that he would not admit him to bail; and affiant states that since the 19th day of July, 1891, in all these proceedings the actions of the said justice, have not been those of an official whose duty was that only.

EQUAL AND IMPARTIAL JUSTICE should be meted out between the parties but his whole course has been that of a prosecuting officer intent upon heaping as much indignity upon affiant and causing him as much annoyance and trouble as he possibly could. That the said justice is also a witness in the above entitled cause.

That on the 19th day of July, 1891, no affiant is informed and believed, that the said Huseon went to the house of Alice White in company with one H. A. Hughes, who instigated these proceedings against affiant, for the purpose of obtaining the signature of Alice White to a pretended dying declaration of said woman. That affiant is informed and believes that said

PRETENDED DECLARATION was prepared by the said Hughes at some time and place to affiant unknown and was taken by the said Hughes and the said Huseon to the house of the said Alice White.

That the said Huseon as justice aforesaid at said preliminary examination of said pretended declaration he offered in evidence, will be compelled to pass fairly and impartially upon its admissibility.

District Attorney Cox opposed the motion for a change of venue, claiming that it was an

UNWARRANTED PROCEEDING under the statutes; was farcical in its nature, and should not be granted.

Mr. Baker, for defense, thought it would be farcical to go on with a case before a court already prejudiced against the accused.

Judge Campbell in continuing on behalf of defendant thought common decency should decide in favor of a change of venue, particularly in this case where the justice had already declared he would commit the accused without bail.

After a whispered consultation between the court and District Attorney, Justice Huseon said: "The affidavit is false in every particular and the motion is over ruled."

Mr. Chalmers, for the defense: "Will your honor give us time to controvert the court?"

Justice Huseon: "No sir; we will go on with the trial."

DR. CARROLL M. RAWLINGS

was the first witness called. He testified that Mrs. White's death had resulted from abortion; but how produced he could not say. It might have occurred from four days to a week before the woman's death. If a woman aborted on Monday and he were called in, he would make a vaginal examination at once. He could not say how the abortion came about; it might have occurred through miscarriage or accident. There was no quickening of a fetus two months old.

He could not tell whether the abortion was committed by the use of an INSTRUMENT OR DRUGS.

He judged that Mrs. White had been pregnant for two months. The abortion might have taken place any time for five days before the autopsy was held. Witness, if called in to see a woman who had aborted, and who had fever, would first examine her. If there were clots of blood in the womb or about the mouth the witness would proceed to remove the embryo. So far as the evidence of the case are, so the woman could have aborted by accident. He judged from the size of the womb as to the age of the fetus. At about eight weeks the embryo is nearly a shape of a miniature child. You would not be apt to find the eyes, nose and

mouth. Of course the eyes would be there but they would not be perfectly formed.

DR. CHARLES D. BELDEN

is a practicing physician in Phoenix. He saw Alice White within two hours after her death. He made an ordinary postmortem examination of the body. From what he saw he said the woman died from acute peritonitis caused by abortion. He thought the abortion was committed about nine days before the postmortem examination. He thought the abortion had been committed by instrumental means. It took about two hours to make the examination.

DR. NEIL MINTYRE

was not acquainted with Alice White in her life time. He saw her after her death. He supposed her death was caused by septicemia caused by abortion. The woman was pregnant about eight weeks. In his opinion the abortion was committed with instruments. He thought the woman died from the effects of the abortion. The woman died of what is ordinarily known as blood poisoning existed about seven days before the death. If the witness were called in a case of this kind he would make a thorough examination and find the matters as in this case he would attempt to remove the embryo. He would first try to relieve the patient from pain.

DR. L. S. TITUS

did not know Alice White until called to see her one week before her death. She was suffering from peritonitis. Dr. Hughes was also in attendance. He was called about 6 or 7 o'clock on the evening of the 15th. He examined her to satisfy himself what was the matter. Prior to her death he made an examination of the body to see what was the cause of her sickness. He made two examinations. He found that she was pregnant and that the womb had not sufficient strength to throw off its contents. There certainly had been an effort to cause a miscarriage or abortion. He was present when the autopsy was held. It simply confirmed the witness' diagnosis. An attempt at abortion caused her death. The immediate cause of her death was septicemia. The symptoms would indicate that the abortion was caused by instruments. With the exception of this trouble this woman seemed to be in good physical health. She expressed a fear of dying and always thought she was going to die, except on Thursday morning when she felt better.

He made visits to her every day of her illness. On the 14th she said she was going to die. Her grandmother and Dr. Hughes were present at the time.

Mr. Cox: Did she at any time say what was the cause of her condition?

Mr. Baker: I object. I contend that on the evidence presented here cannot be predicated any dying declaration. This woman never said she was going to die. She said she believed she was going to die. That was all.

Mr. Cox argued that a statement made by the state while in this state of health, and one who believed she was going to die, ought to be admitted.

At 10:30 o'clock the court adjourned until 2:30 in the afternoon, after the attorneys had argued the case at length.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Court reassembled at 2:30 o'clock, when Mr. Campbell completed his argument.

District Attorney Cox followed.

After an hour's citation of authorities and argument upon them, District Attorney Cox took up the argument in behalf of the prosecution, being followed by Mr. Earley of the same side, the two presenting but very few authorities occupying an hour.

Mr. Baker, in a masterly argument, called attention to the claim set up by prosecution that the testimony asked for by them was claimed to be necessary for the prosecution or they had no case, or literally that was their claim. Upon such ground as this no innocent man could escape conviction when a conspiracy was set up against him.

Mr. Campbell thought things had come to a pretty pass when the prosecutor came into this court and declared that any testimony he admitted.

"If this be done then we might as well quit and your honor make out the commitment and lock up the defendant in this hell beneath our feet."

The argument for defense was a masterly thing. The prosecution quoted very few authorities.

Justice Huseon overruled the objection and court adjourned until 8 o'clock this morning.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

There are 64,000,000 stars. Negroes rarely become bald. Dynamite was invented in 1846.

The river Nile is 5,000 miles long. The onion originally came from Egypt. The Caspian Sea is the lowest body of water.

Savannah claims the oldest American theatre. There are about 2,700 ties in a mile on a railroad.

There are five prosperous colonies of Mormons in Mexico. Boise City, the largest place in Idaho, has 2,311 inhabitants.

Only 20 per cent of the murders committed yearly are ever found out. There are twenty-three acres of land to every inhabitant of the globe.

"E" is the most frequently used letter in the alphabet, then comes "T." The finger-nails grow between one and a half and two inches in length yearly.

As many as 1,600 people are said to be "lynched" in the United States yearly. A woman at Sabinalille, Penn., counted the stitches as she knitted a quilt. There were nearly 900,000.

It is proposed to introduce reindeer from Siberia to Alaska to be utilized by the natives as beasts of burden. The immigration to this country which passes through the ports of New York amounts, roughly stated, to 1,600 a day.

From the vital statistics of the large cities in this country it appears that at least 10,000 children starve to death every year.

America has 86,000 miles of boundary, or more than the coast line of Asia, Africa, Mexico and South America combined.

FAIR COMMISSIONERS.

Representatives of This Government

Received at London and Entertained.

England Seems to Favor the World's Fair—She Will Have a Good Exhibit.

Associated Press Dispatches.]

LONDON, July 28.—The Foreign Committee of the Columbian Fair Commissioners ended its stay in England in a blaze of glory, with luncheon at the Savoy Hotel. The entire hotel was devoted to the use of the Americans and their friends.

The diningroom was beautifully decorated with flowers, plants and flags. Ex-Congressman Butterworth presided. The toast "The President of the United States" and "The Queen," were drunk with great enthusiasm. Messrs. Butterworth, Peck and Handy made most diplomatically worded speeches, returning thanks for the hospitality accorded them and clearly explaining the objects and intentions of the fair. Minister Lincoln made a lengthy speech, assuring the foreign exhibitors that the United States would use every endeavor to facilitate their exhibits, concluding with the remark, "Chicago has never yet failed in any public undertaking and never will."

Viscount Cross, Secretary of State for India, in a happy speech said that England was heartily and entirely with the United States in this matter and would do everything possible to insure the best representation, not only of herself but her colonies. As Viscount Cross is a great friend of the Queen, his utterance is said beyond doubt to have been authorized by the government. Many other prominent personages were among the speakers, and letters of regret were read from Chauncey M. Depew and Hon. W. E. Gladstone. The latter expressed the hope in his letter that the fair would tend materially to advance the commercial intercourse between the nations.

WILL NOT SPEAK.

Cleveland Will not Take Part in the Campaign.

BOSTON, July 28.—To a representative of the Herald at Buzzards Bay, ex-President Cleveland today, in reply to his inquiry concerning the report that he was to go on a speech-making trip in Ohio, said: "I do not expect to take part in the campaign there, nor in any other State, and I have never given the slightest intimation of my intention to do so. I am convinced that Governor Campbell and all my other fair-minded political friends will understand, if I decline to go upon the stump. There are perfectly good and valid reasons for my action, entirely consistent with the most earnest desire for success of all Democratic candidates in Ohio or elsewhere. Of course I anticipate a cry will be raised in certain quarters, if such request is made and declined, that I am selfish and indifferent to the success of the nominees of my party, but such ill-natured accusations, I do not expect to escape in any event."

WAS IT MURDER?

John B. Murphy, of Auberry Valley, Cal., Shoots Another Man.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28.—A Chronicle special from Fresno says: John B. Murphy, of Auberry Valley, gave himself up to the Sheriff today saying he had killed Philo Johns. Beyond that Murphy refused to make any statement. From other sources it is learned that the cause of the shooting was Johns' intimacy with Murphy's wife. The men have had frequent quarrels, and yesterday Murphy was armed with a rifle and revolver and told Johns to defend himself. The latter said he was unarmed. Johns refused to take it, and Murphy shot him dead with the revolver.

BALMACEA SAFE.

Rebels Cannot Pay Soldiers—Judicial Power Favors Its Government.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, July 28.—An official announcement has been made to the effect that the revolutionists are not making any progress. After the defeat of the rebels at Vallenar, 3200 men were ordered from Iquique to Atacama, but 1000 of them refused to leave as they had not received any pay. The rebels will not venture to attack the army at Coquimbo, although the forces there are isolated from the other Balmaceda forces. Judicial authority, so the report goes, has been reestablished and works regularly throughout the Territory in concert with legislative power, thus, it is alleged, rendering impossible the overthrow of President Balmaceda.

Chile Congressionalists.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The published accounts of the reported defeat of the Chilean Congressional troops at Huseco and Vallenar, having been received at the Congressional headquarters at Iquique, Mr. Errazuriz, minister of foreign affairs there, has sent a cablegram to Congressional envoys flatly denying the truth of the report. The cablegram says also the forces of the constitutional government to occupy the extensive province of Atacama in which are comprised Huseco and Vallenar.

He Receives Bribes.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 28.—J. B. Arnold, Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, admitted before the Public Accounts Committee today that he had rented the survey steamer and its store house to the government in other person's names. His excuse was that he wished to avoid newspaper notoriety.

He also admitted receiving bribes from a couple of Montreal firms doing a large government business.

WANT DELAY.

The Union Pacific Railroad Trying to Keep the Rock Island Out.

CHICAGO, July 28.—A dispatch from Omaha says: The Union Pacific Railway is taking measures to prevent the Rock Island and Milwaukee & St. Paul roads from profiting from yesterday's decision in the bridge lease case. It has placed their locomotives on duty at the Council Bluffs transfer to guard the approaches and keep out other trains. It has also wrecked four cars at South Omaha Junction to keep the Rock Island out. The opposing attorneys have disagreed on two points. The Union Pacific wants bonds to delay the execution of the contract until finally determined by the Supreme Court and also that joint rules for running on the bridge be adopted before the use of the bridge begins. This would delay matters.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

An Ohio Editor Found Guilty of Killing a Fellow Journalist.

COLUMBUS, O., July 28.—William J. Elliott, formerly proprietor and editor of the Sunday Capital, who with his brother, P. J. Elliott, reporter on the Sunday World, and W. L. Hughes, a bystander, besides wounding a number of people during a shooting affray on High street on the afternoon of February 23, last, was convicted this morning of murder in the second degree. The trial has been in progress since May 11. His crime was the result of personal jealousy.

By the laws of Ohio murder in the second degree is punishable by life imprisonment, the court having no alternative in the matter. A notice of a motion for a new trial was made and the sentence was not passed. The court fixed next Saturday as the time for hearing the arguments on the motion for a new trial.

Railroad Statement.

CHICAGO, July 28.—The statement of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy for the month of June last in comparison for the corresponding month of last year shows in gross earnings a decrease of \$131,384, expenses and charges a decrease of \$319,088; net earnings increase \$187,704. For the six months ending June 30 the statement shows: Gross earnings, decrease, \$3,167,437; expenses and charges, decrease, \$1,462,502; net earnings, decrease, \$484,935.

Big Telegraph Bills.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Second Comptroller Gilkinson has approved bills of the Western Union Telegraph Company amounting to \$168,000 for the United States Signal Bureau at the rate established by the Postmaster General. The company has notified the Secretary of the Treasury that it will accept payment at the rates named under protest, until the legality is judicially determined.

Does Not Apply to Contract Labor.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Secretary Foster does not fully agree with Superintendent Owens in the opinion that alien contract labor law does not prohibit the importation of skilled laborers for employment in the plate factories. He has prepared a modification of Mr. Owen's ruling on that subject and will make it public tomorrow.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

THROUGH THE NEGLIGENCE OF A TRAIN HAND

Four Persons Meet Death at Elmira, N. Y.—Rev. Wellington White Drives Under a Passenger Train.

Associated Press Dispatches.]

ELMIRA, N. Y., July 28.—A distressing accident occurred this evening at the crossing of the Erie road near Eldridge Park, in which four persons were killed and two fatally injured.

Rev. Wellington White, whose residence is on Grove street, started out to drive, having with him Mrs. White, their three children, Hattie Hastings, daughter of a neighbor, and Susie McCarthy, a nurse girl. When approaching the crossing of a railroad, a freight train, which had been cut to allow an entrance to the park, occupied the nearer track. Seeing and hearing nothing indicative of danger, White drove between the halves of the freight train upon the other track just in time to be struck by a passenger train.

White, his daughter Lillian aged 9, Hattie Hastings aged 9, and Susie McCarthy aged 12, were instantly killed; Mrs. White and child 2 years old, received fatal injuries. Mabel White, 7 years old, escaped with painful, but not serious bruises.

Rev. White was a graduate of Amherst College and the New York Theological Seminary, and had spent ten years in missionary work in China. He was home on a leave of absence.

ARID LAND CONVENTION.

A Large Crowd Expected at Salt Lake City.

As has been published some time since that there will on September 15, 16 and 17 be held a convention in Salt Lake City to consider matters pertaining to reclamation of the arid lands of the west. This is a most important matter and one in which Arizona is much interested. It is also the object of the convention to petition congress to cede to each state and territory the arid lands within its borders, for purposes of reclamation and for such other public purpose as the legislation of the state or Territory respectfully determine.

Acting Governor Murphy will in a few days appoint thirty delegates from Arizona to attend the convention and it is expected that with the delegates from the states and other territories there will be fully 1200 people in attendance.

CRUEL BALMACEA.

Prominent Persons Put in Dungeons

And Daily Tortured to Make Them Tell

Secrets of Their Friends—Valuable Plants Destroyed—Insurgents Get Arms.

Associated Press Dispatches.]

NEW YORK, July 28.—A copy of *El Nacional*, published in Lima, Peru, contains an interview with Señor Javier, envoy of the Chilean constitutional government to Peru, in which the accusation of the grossest cruelty are made against Balmaceda.

The dungeons of Santiago, Valparaiso, Talca, Concepcion and many other cities, he said, are filled with the most worthy and respectable citizens, and in these jails tortures are daily applied to the youths and old men to force them to avowals which would compromise their friends. The lash, gallows, fusillade and other most cruel expedients of execution are daily spectacles in these sombre abodes. The distinguished señoras, Emilia Pinto and Isabel Larrain, were thrown into the jail for the crime of being seen in the street reading a small opposition journal.

Great establishments costing their proprietors millions of dollars, for example those at the coal mines at Leba, of Señor Errazuriz, have been razed to the ground by Balmaceda. Works of public utility, like the wharf of Chilemaur port, belonging to Señor Ortúzar, have been ruthlessly destroyed. But this destruction and incendiarism is nothing compared with the means employed to break up the banks and credit institutions, causing the ruin not only of the rich and powerful but of the middle classes and poorer people.

A letter from Santiago published in *El Herald* at Lopez, Bolivia, says: "The spies and minions of Balmaceda not only violate the homes, but also the convents and monasteries. The fields are deserted because the unfortunate farmers have fled to the mountains to escape enforced enlistment in the ranks of Balmaceda's army. Executions and floggings are of almost daily occurrence."

The confidential agent of the insurgents at Panama makes public the following bulletin received from Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Congressional party:

"Ship Maipo foundered, having on board complete equipments of infantry, cavalry and artillery for 25,000 men."

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

A Hotel Keeper Arrested for Shooting His Boarders.

FRESNO, July 28.—Last Saturday evening three men from Oregon registered at the hotel De France at Sanger and requested rooms. They retired, but finding the room close and warm, removed their beds to the roof of a veranda in front of the building. About 1 o'clock Sunday morning parties sitting on the porch across the way, saw an unknown man with a shot gun in his hand, creep along the veranda roof and fire two loads of buck shot. One man was dangerously wounded and one seriously, and one slightly injured. No cause is assigned for the deed. M. Rogallo, proprietor of the hotel, is under arrest charged with attempted murder. He is out on \$6,000 bail.

NEW PRESIDENT.

The Election in Chile—Report of the Rebels' Defeat.

LONDON, July 28.—A dispatch received from Santiago, Chile, dated Saturday last, says Claudio Vicuña has been elected President of Chile. He will assume the duties of his office on the 18th of next September.

The dispatch adds: "The election is regarded as a pledge that honor, energy and patriotism will mark the future conduct of the government."

"The government has 25,000 troops between here and Valparaiso and Concepcion. It can effect a junction between the troops in a single day and give battle to the rebels. Numbers of deserters are arriving here. They say the rebels are enlisting men by force."

Queen Visits the French Government.

LONDON, July 28.—It was announced this afternoon, that the Queen had delayed her departure for Osborne, in order to visit the French squadron at Portsmouth. In the Commons today Lord George Hamilton, first Lord of the Admiralty, referring to the visit of the French squadron to Portsmouth said arrangements had to be made on a commensurate scale to mark the exchange of international civilities.

The committee starts for Paris tomorrow. During the stay in France they will be received by the Chamber of Commerce, be banquetted in Eiffel tower by the Franco-American society and attend several other receptions given in their honor.

Turned a Turk.

TEHERAN, July 28.—Kate Greenfield, who it was recently alleged, was abducted at the Turkish consulate at Soulboulak, Persia, in defiance of the English consul, has been examined by the British consul here. She declared she was a convert to Islamism and followed her muslim husband willingly.

The Peach Crop of New Jersey.

RELVIER, N. J., July 28.—The crop of premature or forced peaches all through Hunterdon and Warren counties will be immense. Dry weather and tendency of the trees to die prematurely have hastened this result and thousands of Baskets of this sort of fruit will be put on the market in a few days. The crop of good peaches from Hunter-

don will also be large and the more prominent fruit growers have already made a market for their better peaches. Orchards will yield on an average of 1,000 baskets.

IMMENSE ARMOR INGOT.

It is Cast Near Pittsburgh and Weighs 32,000 pounds.

PITTSBURGH, July 28.—There has just been cast at armor plate mill, Carnegie Phipps and Company at Homestead an armor ingot eighty inches wide and twenty three inches thick, weighing 32,000 pounds the largest armor plate ingot rolled in this country. The ingot was cast in a sand mould for a test and the material proved much superior to that tested in a metal mould. Heretofore there has been a great deal of trouble in casting in metal molds owing to the many flaws and the ingot cast in the sand mould was found not to contain a single flaw. It is more than likely hereafter a sand mould for turning iron plate ingots will be used. Tim McKay is the inventor of the new process. He is a workman at the Homestead mill.

WATER CUT OFF.

Danger of St. Joseph, Missouri, being Left Outside

St. JOSEPH, July 28.—United influence will be brought to bear upon the Missouri River to prevent the inroads made at a point west of this city known as Belmont Bend. In that case the town of Elmwood opposite St. Joseph and a territory of about six square miles of farming country will be submerged and the bridge and railroad tracks will be rendered useless. The neck of land separating the river above and below the bend has been reduced to a width of 1600 feet and the banks are caving every day. Should the river cut through the Kansas bottoms, this city would be deprived of three of its most important lines of railroad for months at least. The iron bridge now spanning the river at this point would be rendered useless.

FLUSH WEAVERS.

The Strikers of Philadelphia Return to Work.

PHILADELPHIA, July 28.—A majority of the striking flush weavers at Dobson's mills, voted today to return to work. For ten days over 400 hands have stayed away from the looms, because, as they claimed, their employers imported English weavers to drive them out of business. For five years the Dobson's claim they have been trying to get good velvet plush from American workmen but have failed. A number of hands were brought from England for the purpose of educating the old hands. The plan of Dobson's was misunderstood by the old weavers who thought they were to be discharged. A long strike was thus precipitated.

Extending the Town Limits.

EUREKA, Cal., July 28.—The election to extend the city bounds has just closed. The result will give Eureka a population between 8000 and 10,000. The majority for extension was about 500, one-half of the vote of last year. The event will be celebrated by a demonstration tomorrow night.

The Republican Executive Committee.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—It is stated that Messrs. Quay, Clarkson, Dudley and members of the Republican National Executive Committee are in Washington and have engaged a parlor at the Arlington for a meeting of the committee.

RAILWAY BUILDING.

COLUMBIA RIVER TO BE OPENED TO NAVIGATION.

Citizens of Portland Assist by Taking \$500,000 of Stock—Many Miles of Water and Land Open.

Associated Press Dispatches.]

PORTLAND, Or., July 28.—Columbia River Railway and Navigation Company, have submitted to the people of Portland, a proposal for the opening of Columbia river to transportation, by the completion of the Port Gage Railway, which has been begun by the state, at the Dalles, and by putting on barges and a steamboat on the river. The proposition made, is that in consideration of the taking by any citizens of Portland of \$500,000 first mortgage, 6 per cent in 40 years bonds, of the company, the company will complete within eight months, a first class standard gauge railway on the North of Columbia connecting the navigable waters on each side of the obstructions at the Dalles and Celilo Company will place on the Columbia and Snake rivers east of the Dalles, two first class steamers and a sufficient number of barges to handle all the traffic, also a steamer between the Dalles and Cascades, and a sufficient number of steamers and barges between Cascades and Portland. The company guarantee that the rate of freight on grain for the period for at least five years, shall be 20 per cent less than any railroad rates which shall be made by the Union Pacific for a similar distance, provided the company shall not be required by such contract to carry grain at less than one cent per ton per mile. It is proposed to build a system of narrow gauge feeders to connect with the line when complete. The system will comprise about 640 miles of narrow gauge roads and 640 miles of navigable water.

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WILLIS KNOCKED OUT.

A Good Fight in the California Club.

The Negro Wins the Battle in Five Rounds.

Dixon is the Favorite and Betting is Good—A Good Crowd Present—Baseball.

Associated Press Dispatches.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28.—George Dixon, of Boston, and Abe Willis, of Australia, fought at the gymnasium of the California Athletic Club tonight for a purse of \$5000 and the bantam weight championship of the world. Willis was practically an unknown man here and betting before the fight was in Dixon's favor, ranging from \$100 to \$70 and \$100 to \$80. Great interest was taken in the fight here, and clubroom was filled to-night. The men had